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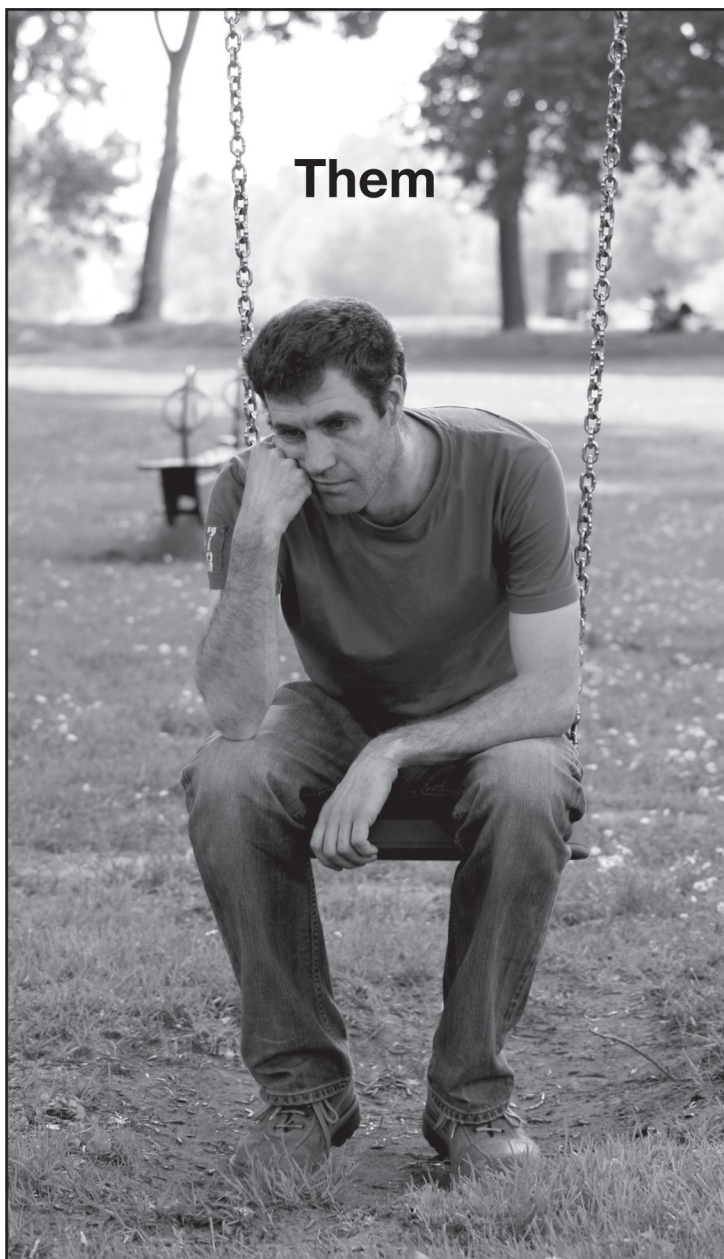


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## Friend Request Sent: General Mills

I was able to attend the 2012 General Mills Pride Reception with a great many GLBTA members. Can we call that historic? I attended the Historic 2012 General Mills Pride Reception? Let's go with it. What happened at that event was important. The attendees filed into the auditorium, listened to the welcoming remarks, watched a performance by the Project 515 Players, and then heard the CEO of a Fortune 500 family institution oppose the anti-marriage amendment. I don't know about the rest of the folks there, but it kind of happened in slow-motion. You know when you're watching a show and you can tell that something's going to happen as it's happening? It was like that. Ken Powell was speaking and suddenly it was said: General Mills opposes this proposed amendment that would define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

We applauded. It hit us. We applauded harder. It hit us harder. We stood-together-as a wave of professional people who were just validated as mattering and gave him a standing ovation. It lasted. So did the goosebumps. Phones came out—we tweeted, we posted to Facebook, we shared the news. We shared that moment.

What is interesting to me is what came out of that event and the morning after. I'm guessing that the press release from the event focused on the business nature of the announcement; that General Mills supports a diverse, inclusive culture for a better workforce. That it's good for business.

I heard more than that, as the only member of the press who was present. I heard Mr. Powell say that it's about business, yes, but that General Mills is in the business of nourishing lives; not just some of them, all of them.

That's different.

That's worth lauding more than a wise business decision. Yes,

it's important that this community be seen as a credible force in the market—GLBT community members are valuable workers and buyers. But, more than that, GLBT community members are valuable people. GLBT community members' lives are worth a Fortune 500 company standing up against discrimination. This Fortune 500 company has fed us. It's made many other decisions in its history to make lives better, from going multi-grain to removing high fructose corn syrup from its yogurt. For heaven's sake, couldn't "Americana" be just as easily be defined "Mom and Cheerios" as "Mom and apple pie?"

Cheerios believes in this community.

I know that we all joke about corporations and how they're not people. Sometimes, it seems like they are. No, I can't be "friends" with General Mills on Facebook. I won't invite General Mills to my birthday party. General Mills and I might share some recipes, but we won't meet up for Happy Hour because General Mills is not a person. But, General Mills is something we're all in a relationship with...and it just got less complicated. For us. The brunt of the backlash that General Mills will face by proponents of the anti-marriage amendment is complicated and can't be underestimated, which makes me want to be friends with it even more.

No, it's not the first corporation to oppose the anti-marriage amendment and it won't be the last. We can be grateful for each and every one that stands up and says out loud that this community deserves to not be discriminated against.

What I can't wait for is when corporations and politicians stand up and say that the Defense of Marriage Act should be repealed and same-sex marriage should be legalized.

That's different.

When it is voiced that this group should not be discriminated against by an amendment, that's one thing. When it is voiced that this group should be allowed the same rights and freedoms as heterosexual citizens...*that* is historic.

Each and every time.

With thanks,

Andy □



## THE GLBT COMMUNITY HAS A STRONG ALLY WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA

Last week, President Obama made history. He became the first sitting President in the history of this great nation to endorse the notion that loving and committed gay and lesbian couples deserve the right to join the institution of marriage. President Obama understands what many of us understand; marriage is about love, family, and responsibility. The GLBT community has benefited in countless ways, and it is time to continue standing up for him as he has stood up vehemently for us.

Since his inauguration in January of 2009, President Obama was able to negotiate the Congressional Repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, allowing for the first time, gays and lesbians to openly defend our freedom, customs, and values without having to jeopardize their dignity.

This president has addressed the bullying epidemic that is sweeping across this country. Even one of our own local school districts has received national attention. President Obama and his Administration have been working to prevent bullying against GLBT students, signed GLBT inclusive hate crimes legislation, and he has joined with countless others in affirming his position of equality and fairness through his contribution towards the It Gets Better Project.

The GLBT community faces disproportional challenges with HIV/AIDS, and President Obama has been developing and implementing a national HIV/AIDS strategy while expanding access to health care and addressing inequities in health care among the LBGT community.

President Obama has done more for the GLBT community than any other president in the history of this country. Although not always instantaneous, we have made great achievements towards eliminating inequities within the GLBT community.

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Actively approach people and conduct conversations in a non-threatening way, simply conveying information, pointing out the importance of action—particularly going to the polls that Tuesday—that complacency can lose a campaign.

I heard someone say, "Homosexuality isn't a civil right." No, nor has anyone claimed that, any more than they would that being tall or left-handed is a right. But tall, left-handed Minnesotans have the civil right to vote, to buy real estate, to marry. As do GLBT people—except for the marrying part.

Point out that marriage is a right and that radical religious groups are using their beliefs to make the government, at state and federal levels, deny other citizens' rights. Remind them of the 1967 Loving v. Virginia landmark civil rights case where the US Supreme Court unanimously declared the "Racial Integrity Act of 1924," Virginia's

anti-miscegenation statute, unconstitutional.

Marriage or ritual bonding in some form is practiced in almost every culture. Marriage brings the participants into the community fold, declaring their intention before friends and relatives, to participate in the rights *and obligations* of their community. To deny GLBT Minnesotans that right is morally wrong *and* unconstitutional. If one believes in the First Amendment, then the separation of church and state follows, and denying the right to marry to any segment of the population because of others' religious beliefs or bias becomes untenable.

Explain that in no way is any church being compelled by the government to marry gays or anyone else they choose to deny—Catholic churches refuse to marry two non-Catholics.

Always remember: there's talking, and there's wasting your breath. You won't convince those who want to put gays and lesbians behind electric fences. Fortunately, there are many folks in the middle, who, if they are not exactly "allies," are ordinary, decent folk who want to see all Minnesotans be able to marry, raise children, work, and pay taxes as they do.

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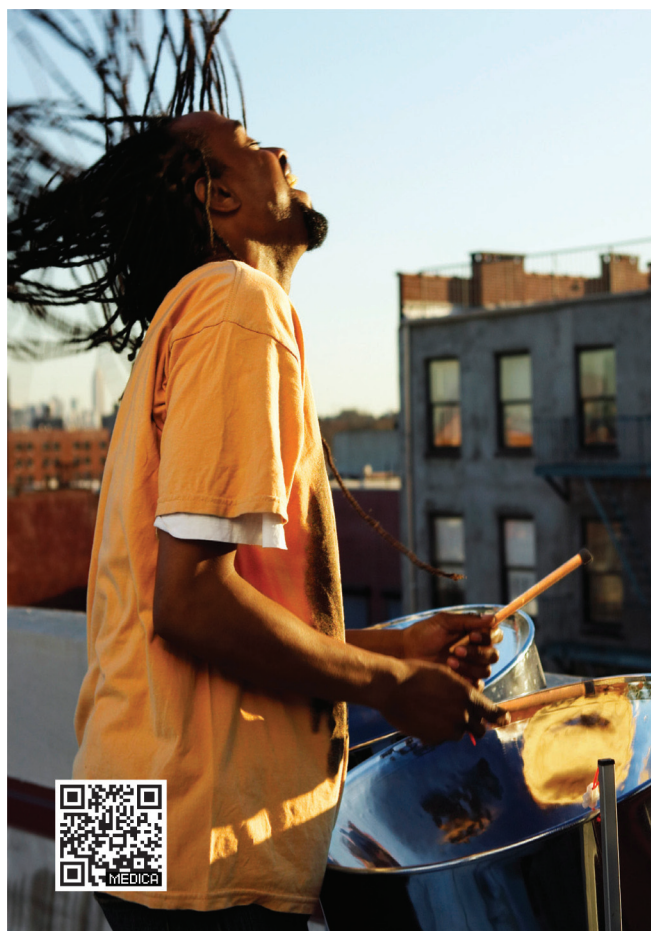
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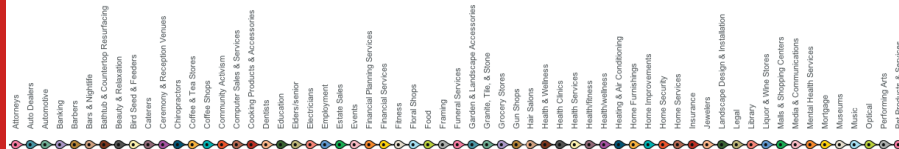
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**WHEN A MAN LOVES A DIVA**

Through July 28

Lab Theater, 700 N. First St., Mpls.

(612) 33-7977

[www.thelabtheater.org](http://www.thelabtheater.org)

It's been three years since this popular gay-oriented show was first performed at the Lab, but some new enhancements have been added. Actor/vocalist/Writer Dane Stauffer says "we are bumping up the production values, with this production. We are directed by Andrew Rasmussen (Cardinal Theatricals's *Rent* and *Rocky Horror Show*). It offers new musical selections. We've added some 'emerging' divas to the mix of the pop classics of the earlier version. Plus we've swapped a few songs out and a few others in... Can you say 'Proud Mary?' This time, in addition to Sanford Moore on the keys and Steven Jennings on the drums, we've added more heft and rock with a bass and guitar, so it's a full band. I've revised the script, and we have a real set with light-up letters and so forth! And in an effort to recapture the magic of Ruby's Cabaret of old, we have the white tablecloths, for the 'cabaret seating' anyway, the small plates of food, the beer and the wine. And while it may not completely recapture the legendary Ruby's Cabaret of old, it comes damn close!"

Stauffer hails from the Twin Cities where he trained in his youth at the Children's Theatre Company, and has spent recent years working as an actor and a singer in Los Angeles and San Diego. He recently appeared with Jeff Goldblum at the LA Blues Revue, backed up Estaire Godinez at Herb Alpert's Club Vibrato, was awarded Best Featured Actor in a Comedy by StageSceneLA for *All in the Timing*, and recently filmed *Sports Heaven* with Christopher Lloyd.

In California and Minnesota Stauffer has also made his mark with the record-breaking boxoffice smash, *Triple Espresso*. He recently workshoped a Jazz/spoken word concert at Illusion Theatre, called *Mama, I Can Scat!* with Peter Schimke, Jay Epstein, and Graydon Peterson. His improvisation skills were honed at the Brave New Workshop back in its heyday.

Stauffer is joined by two other marvelous performers: the magnetic Julius Collins and the dynamic Ben Bakken.

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Subtitled *A Gay Fantasia On National Themes*, it premiered in 1991 and won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize. The first part of playwright Tony Kushner's two part work is being revived by a younger generation now. Theatre Coup D'etat director Justin Kirkeberg thinks that its AIDS themes as well as its other concerns are just as timely 20 years later. He points out that over a million people are living with HIV/AIDS in the US and over 33 million globally, and he cites Tyler Clementi's suicide and other youth suicides as indicators of lessons not yet learned by enough people. Kirkeberg says *Angels* asks us: "what does a healthy partner owe a sick one? What does a closeted gay man owe his wife? At what price comes change? Ultimately, if there is a God, what is he/she doing?"

James Napoleon Stone plays Prior Walter, the openly gay, HIV-positive protagonist who falls in love with closeted Mormon Joe Pitt played by Peter Beard. Both actors are also the show's producers and gave moving performances as death camp victims in the gay holocaust classic *Bent* a few years ago. Stone says "what makes Prior's journey unique is that he is at the mercy of virtually everyone and everything. The disease itself controls his body, his lover leaves him, the angel and hallucinations haunt him, and being homosexual and feminine makes him a societal target."

Beard sees Joe as "the part of us all that resists change because of how it will affect people around us. With Joe we get a rare chance to see a man at the breaking point of trying

to meet expectations around him, when those expectations are set up for someone different than who he is at his core."

Katherine Preble also has claims to a great performance in another gay classic. She played the lead in Maxine Klein's powerhouse revival of Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour* in the '00s. As The Angel, The Rabbi, and a hospice worker, Preble recognizes Kushner's spiritual dimensions, stating that though scripted independently of each other "all of them function as mouthpieces of the heavens, the collective unconscious. They drive the audience to examine a universal truth: the idea that we all seemingly are born alone and die alone. Kushner reveals that we are born in someone else's pain and we all die in our own, thereby uniting. And by definition, when united, we cannot be solitary souls. We are all related."



Basic North. Photo by Eric Melzer

**BASIC NORTH**

Through July 8

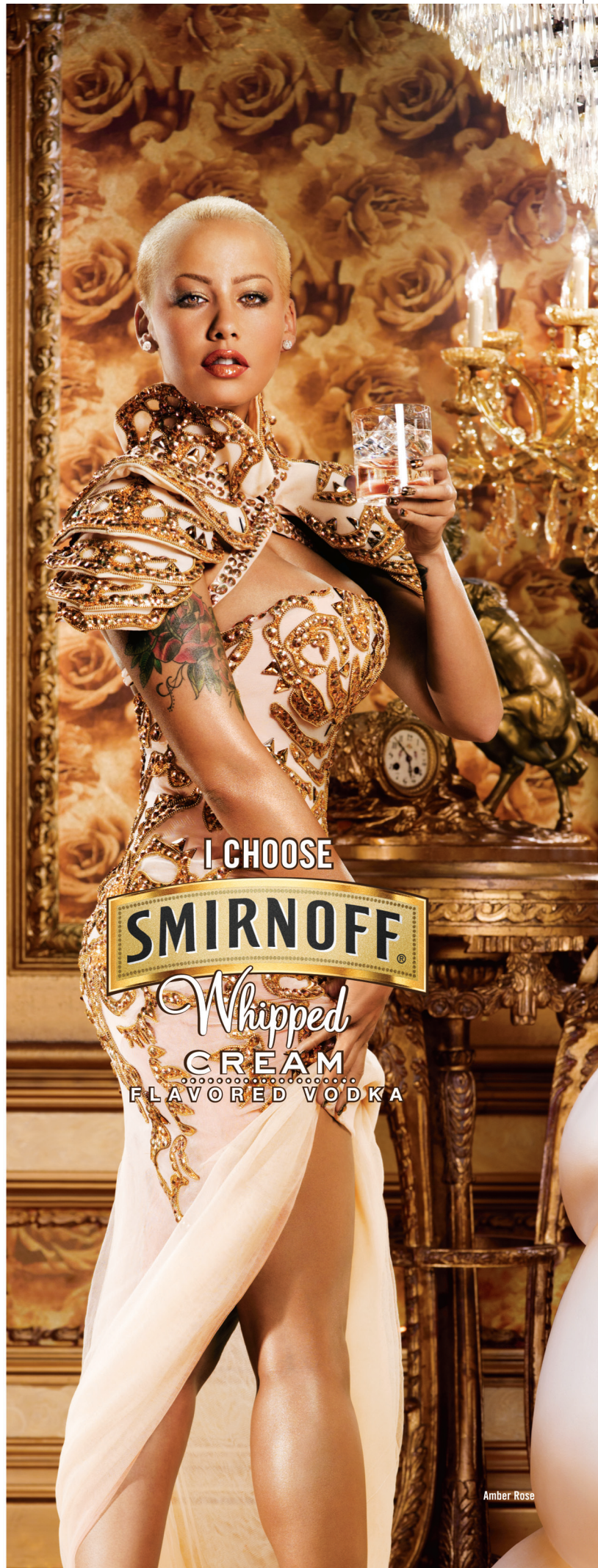
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Since Theatre De La Jeune Lune folded five years ago, Live Action Set seems to have filled their space as a physical theater company. That's a theater where the actors use their bodies in expansive and unique ways beyond basically emulating the movement of characters that reflect the average person. Live Action Set actors move in precise, complex unison at times. They may leap about, contort their bodies, cultivate physical









Noises Off. Photo by Michal Daniel

eccentricities, and take or hang in risky postures and positions on or above stage. Postures and positions everyday people just don't take. Their current piece, *Basic North*, is the culmination of very different ideas and experimentation.

Co-founder Noah Bremer had been on tour with Cirque du Soleil last year, so he has returned recharged as one of the co-directors. He says Cirque "exposed me to a world of wondrous amazement. My role required me to perform on a huge scale of extreme emotions and stylized physical vocabularies. Within this larger-than-life spectrum of extremes, honesty was always my base. Truthfulness is essential to connect with 2500 people a night and to fill them with lingering awe. What I am always working toward in *Basic North* is to expose an extreme honesty, but on a much smaller scale than in the Grand Chapiteau of Cirque du Soleil. At the intimate Southern Theater, I have the opportunity to seize the connection between myself and the audience than I could at Cirque. But, large or small, the end goal is the same: to amaze and bring joy."

Dario Tangelson is another *Basic North* co-director. He employs what's often known as the 'neutral mask' effect, but prefers to call it 'neutral state'? He says "put very simply, it is an attempt to avoid the automatic expressive strategies that tend to be the different masks we wear—our social drinking mask, our meeting mask, our reliable co-worker although a bit higher status mask. These are

our acquired automatic expressive mechanisms in response to different situations. In *Basic North* we have tried to introduce a very simple and mundane environment where this neutral character will simply observe and offer a new point of view that does not follow any of the expected strategic rules."

**NOISES OFF**  
Through July 29  
Jungle Theater, 2951 Lyndale Av.,  
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In the UK, corny sex farces have known great success despite bad reviews. Silly shows like *No Sex Please, We're British* and *Run For Your Wife* have titillated audiences with titty humor and naughty innuendo that stir up the inner adolescent in us all. In his 1982 slapstick masterpiece, playwright Michael Frayn spoofs such a farce he titles *Nothing On*. It's the play within that masterpiece, *Noises Off*.

Act One presents a disastrous stage rehearsal with missed entrances and exits, lost contact lenses, drunkenness, and fumbled lines. All of this dissonance must actually be played with precision, which it is in the Jungle's vibrant production. Act Two is *Nothing On* on opening night from the backstage where the actors act out all sorts of misfires and misunderstandings. Act Three is the troupe in performance at the end of their tour where everyone has said 'to hell with it' and act out the semblance of the show.

Director Joel Sass's terrific cast



The Other Mr. Gandhi. Photo by Charissa Uemura

amazes with sharp timing, numerous masterful transitions, and goofy characterizations, like Summer Hagen's scantily clad ditzzy blond and E. J. Subkoviak's weary, sardonic director whose libido overpowers his ethical capacity. A shameless celebration of tackiness that is surely one of this summer's guiltiest pleasures.

**THE OTHER MR. GANDHI**  
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Illusion Theater, 528 Hennepin Av., Mpls.  
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Zaraawar Mistry recently directed *The Origin(s) Project*, a rich offering of two one woman shows by Katie Hae Leo and Sun Mee Chomet about Korean adoptees, at his theater, Dreamland Arts in St. Paul. In Minneapolis he's developing his own one man show for Illusion Theater's annual Fresh Ink works-in-progress series. As the title infers, this is not the iconic Mahatma Gandhi but a fictional pilot in the Indian Air Force sent on a bombing mission into Pakistan. Given how much American militarism and economics have been connected in recent years with these two countries, it gives us a chance to think about them.

Mistry shares that he played it to a full house at Dreamland in February, calling it "a thrilling and terrifying experience. The piece continues to be a work in progress, as I make adjustments and changes based on what I learn from each audience." Mistry's last solo piece, *Indian Cowboy*, played at Illusion in '06. □



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## Idina Menzel

*LAVENDER MAGAZINE* caught up with Idina Menzel to talk about her career, family, and helping young girls find their voices. Menzel is best known for her roles as Maureen Johnson in the original Broadway cast and movie of *Rent*, as the original Elphaba in *Wicked*, and (much to the delight of Gleeks everywhere) as Shelby Corcoran on the hit tv show *Glee*. Menzel's latest albums, *Idina Menzel Live: Barefoot at the Symphony*, was released this March, and she will be at the Orpheum in Minneapolis on July 7th for a live performance of some of her most memorable songs. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.hennepintheatretrust.org](http://www.hennepintheatretrust.org).

**Lavender Magazine:** Our readers loved you in *Rent*, *Wicked*, and *Glee*. We just love your voice and your personality. We all know about your music, but what I find most inspiring is how you and your husband, Taye, used your talents to found A BroaderWay Foundation. Could you talk a bit about that?

**Idina Menzel:** A BroaderWay was just a dream of mine from many years ago because I was fortunate enough to go away to summer camp, and it was something that changed my life. It was a place that I felt I really found myself...I loved it more than the school years, so I always dreamt of having a camp. As my career has taken on a certain path, it became clear that it should be specifically for young girls and trying to help them find their voices. So, we bring up about 30 girls from Harlem up to the country in Massachusetts. They sing and dance and play sports and swim. We put on an original concert that's based on their ideas and bring up Broadway friends who write and choreograph with them, and we have a show at the end.

**LM:** On your cd, *Barefoot at the Symphony*, you sing a variety of songs and tell stories in between. Before Lady Gaga's "Poker Face," you talk about how it felt to be considered for a motherly role as Shelby Corcoran, the biological mother of Rachel (played by Lea Michele) on *Glee*. How are you feeling about that now?

**IM:** It wasn't getting a "motherly" role that was the problem. I'm a mother of a three-year-old. It was being the mother of a 25 year-old that was the problem. I love play-



Idina Menzel. Photo by Robin Wong

ing a mother. I'm a very maternal person, even before I had a baby. It was just the fact that I was being cast—that I must look old enough—to play Lea's mom.

**LM:** How has having a family changed your work life?

**IM:** It's dramatically changed my work life. It's given me a new perspective. My expectations of myself are lower because I can only be in so many places at one time. So, when I get on stage, I feel liberated and easier on myself, and therefore, I'm actually better. I take the red eye from a certain city so I can put my son to sleep at night and then get to the airport. So, if I want to spend an extra night with him, I can't ask that much of myself the night of the show. The gist is that it ends up being a positive thing for me and being much better.

**LM:** If you had to choose, what would be one highlight of your impressive career?

**IM:** I'm sure it would be *Wicked* and playing Elphaba, and being the recipient of so much love and support from the young audiences.

**LM:** Could you reflect a bit on your experience in *Rent*?

**IM:** I sing "No Day But Today" pretty religiously at my concerts as a reminder of that beautiful experience. Because we lost our composer and creator, Jonathan Larson, it was a much different experience obviously than your normal one. We were extremely,

passionately committed to everything in the show and making sure that we communicated his show—his story—honestly and powerfully. And therefore, our priorities were much different, being young 20-year-olds, maybe having success, and the show taking off and getting opportunities. It really grounded us where our priorities were.

**LM:** What should audience members expect from your concert on July 7th?

**IM:** Expect a lot of spontaneity. They should trust that they will leave the theater feeling like they were let into a window of my soul, really, and that I'm willing to be open and let people know what I'm about. Aside from lots of big singing, more importantly, it's about connecting to the audience and letting them feel that the show they're seeing is special and individual.

**LM:** Finally, is there anything you want to say to your GLBT fans in Minnesota?

**IM:** It's Pride month, first of all, so congratulations and I hope everyone's celebrating. I think it's an exciting time right now, and there's lots to celebrate. I recognize that there are still challenges and struggles ahead. I respect everyone, and I'm so honored that I'm embraced in your community. I'll keep fighting for equality like you are. I think it's a nice time to express and appreciate some of the advances that are being made. □



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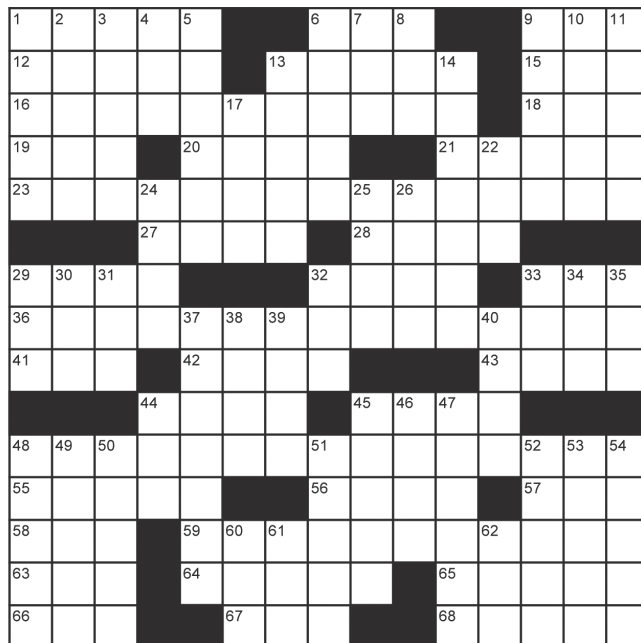


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## ACROSS

1. President who won a Nobel Peace Prize
6. Leader's position
9. Dept. store stuff
12. Cleveland who was president of "The Harvard Crimson"
13. Walt Whitman's bloomer
15. Something to gloss over?
16. Leader who on May 9, 2012 came out in support of 36-Across
18. Old NOW cause
19. Minnesota twins?
20. "Dedicated to the \_\_\_\_ Love"
21. Selenic
23. An online community of mutual affection and respect.
27. French friar?
28. \_\_\_\_ Le Pew
29. Tabloid twosome
32. Centerfielder on Miracle Mets
33. Rule opposed by Gandhi
36. Its legality varies by state
41. Strawberry Fields benefactor
42. "\_\_\_\_ also serve..."
43. Purrfect pitch?
44. Subject of a Debussy "Afternoon"
45. Hankering
48. Slang for a 67-Across 63-Across that likely stems from "The Wizard of Oz"
55. Like highways and swimming pools
56. Skeleton part
57. Introduction to chemistry?
58. Cap-and-crown org.?
59. Massachusetts Congressman whose partner is James Ready
63. Chess piece, even a queen
64. Improv sounds on a good night



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65. Part of España
66. Middle of a Napoleonic palindrome
67. The G in GMHC
68. It may be Platonic

## DOWN

1. Cavalry weapon
2. Dishwasher brand
3. Back: Prefix
4. Parseghian of Notre Dame football
5. Cooperstown charter member
6. Skeleton part
7. Pay back?
8. Kick-ass actress Grier
9. He flew in space twice, 36 years apart
10. 1933 Physics Nobel laureate who is the subject of a biography entitled "The Strangest Man"
11. Fifth wheel
13. "My Fair Lady" composer

14. Measuring tool
17. Turning point?
22. Assn. of Persian Gulf states
24. It may be assumed, dropped, or given
25. Org. for Nancy Lopez, Annika Sorenstam, or Michelle Wie
26. Bad look
29. Equi equivalent
30. Go for the bronze?
31. Offbeat comedian Philips
32. Al's Minnesota colleague in the Senate
33. "Norma \_\_\_\_"
34. In the past
35. Minyan member
37. One way to fly
38. First name among Israeli prime ministers
39. Prefix with phobia

40. Letters that might precede a blogger's point of view
44. It may be imposed, but never levied
45. Runs without moving
46. Theater award
47. Arts' partner
48. Heartthrob
49. Doppler \_\_\_\_ (storm detection system)
50. Pointless
51. Eccentrically cool
52. Little Leaguer's batting device
53. Yogi's language
54. Joined, like oxen
60. Mo. with no major holidays
61. Co. with a dog in its logo
62. Brazilian city, familiarly

Answers on page 58

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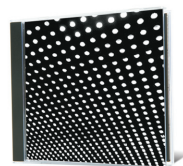


**SCISSOR SISTERS*****Magic Hour***

Perhaps it's fitting that album number four dropped just after the passing of Robin Gibb, because there's a decided Bee Gees vibe working on some of the songs here. It's an easy path there—both acts embrace bouncy disco beats, simmering lyrics, and falsetto vocals. Tunes like “Inevitable” bring that home, but there's more going on here. The hotter modern dance and funk is here too, exploding through the likes of “Shady Love” and the bonus cut “Fuck Yeah.” A gentler side of the band is also present. The piano-driven ballad “The Secret Life of Letters” isn't going to make Ray Davies shake in his boots, but it is a nice slice-of-life tune, the kind not often heard on a bright, brassy pop album.

**SIGUR ROS*****Valtari***

Sure, coming out at the beginning of summer is a strange time for a new album by this Icelandic band. Their epic soundscapes bring to mind frigid winter evenings watching the Northern Lights more than afternoons on a sun-baked beach. If you have heard one of the five previous proper Sigur Ros albums, you know the musical drill: Long, rolling tunes built around electronics, stray sounds, and more traditional rock instrumentation are buoyed by the otherworldly vocals of singer Jonsi. It's a mix that still can leave the listener breathless, be it from the quiet, pleading vocals that end “Ekki Mukk” or the slow drive of the wordless “Varoeldur.” Though they've been around for two decades, Sigur Ros is still as sharp as a cold winter wind.

**BEACH HOUSE*****Bloom***

The moody, ethereal, and largely female-fronted bands of the 4AD label were key components of my misspent-20s soundtrack, so the music of these modern proponents of the style certainly caught my ear. Over the past decade, this duo (Victoria Legrand and Alex Scally) have made atmospheric music that, rather importantly, is loaded with hooks. The opening cuts “Myth” and “Wild” set the delicate atmosphere from the beginning, deftly finding the balance between the simplicity of two performers and multi-tracking to build a bigger sound. The songs aren't necessarily peppy. Think of the kind of pop songs the Cure specialized in during their career. And album closer “Irene” sounds like a long-lost Cocteau Twins outtake from Heaven or Las Vegas.

**REGINA SPEKTOR*****What We Saw from the Cheap Seats***

Spektor looks forward and back on her latest album, crafting a mix of brand-new tunes with some old, old pieces from her live show. It's a quick musical journey that somehow feels a bit too slight to be considered a full-tilt album. It's not the number of songs or the length; it's just that the songs fly by quickly without always making a big impression. Some of the tracks do stand out. “Oh Marcello” uses part of the chorus of the Animals' “Please Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood” to spin a completely different lyrical tale. First single “All the Rowboats” also sticks in the mind. Each time I listened to the album, I thought, “Is that all?” when it came to a close. □

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## Harriet Brasserie

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The patio is a perfect place to while away the hours, watching as the neighborhood walks past. There is nothing so wonderful as a bit of morning sun, a cool early-day breeze, and a few plates of food from this new neighborhood gem.

The dinner menu is still being sorted out, but the brunch is fully operational, so we'll stick to talking about those dishes. Harriet Brasserie is owned by Alain Lenne (who also owns the La Belle Crepe in downtown Minneapolis), Helen Hamman, and Fernando Silvo, who is leading the kitchen. Silvo comes from French Meadow and the baking clearly shows that experience. The savory scone is a brilliant representation of that experience; flaky layers of dough, packed with flavorful blue cheese was a revelatory taste.

The signature *tres leches* cake was wonderfully mild with a cream-drenched flavor an exercise in restraint.

Many dishes make use of their plot of farm land, three acres outside of Lakeville. A perfect taste of the early summer season was the chilled pea soup, topped with salty,







(Clockwise from left) Tofu hash;  
Hill burger; co-owners Alain and  
Fernando; dining room, bar area.




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(Clockwise from left) Pancakes; tres leches; dining room. Photos by Hubert Bonnet

smoked trout roe and house made croutons. It was brilliantly colored, delicately textured and full of grassy, fresh flavor with bracing little bits of the salty roe.

The burger was great brasserie fare, the crispy, russet colored fries were addictive and would be perfectly paired with a pint. They appropriately have Harriet Brewing on tap.

Speaking of alcohol, the wine list is stacked with great, affordably priced bottles and glasses. It's not often easy to find a delicious glass for all of \$6, but there are multiple options on this list.

The Szechuan-style tofu was tossed with a black bean sauce—





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hot, saucy, and hard to walk away from, while again, not all that spicy. The tofu and fried yucca were great texture companions, but the greens they were served with didn't seem to fit in with the rest of the dish.

While there was a lot of love and swooning over some dishes, not every plate was a hit. The crawfish and grits were a sad plate of mush, flat on flavor.

Meanwhile, the attentive service quickly addressed any issue. Service was exceptional on every visit, save one, where the server was clearly new. They'll get the kinks worked out. Harriet Brasserie is another fine addition to this adorable pocket of Minneapolis. □



## NEWSY BITS

Another truck moves to brick and mortar. **Foxy Falafel** announced this week that she's taken up residence in the former Caribe storefront. She's planning to open in late July, early August.

**Fitger's Brewhouse**, known for their fantastic brews, phenomenal wild rice burger, and crave-worthy beer-battered fries and onion rings is moving into the former Trocadero's space in downtown Minneapolis.

Chef **Scott Pampuch** bids adieu to Minneapolis: the local food advocate moved from his restaurant Corner Table to the Minnesota Valley Country Club to Iron Horse, a Harley-friendly hotel in Milwaukee.





## International Mr. Leather 2012

YOUR HUMBLE columnist has traveled to Chicago for the International Mr. Leather (IML) contest every Memorial Day weekend since 1994. Every year brings a new group of contestants and judges, and new vendors in the Leather Market, mixed with longstanding traditions and longtime friends. Here are my notes on the 2012 edition of the International Mr. Leather weekend, which ran from Thursday, May 24, through Monday, May 28.

**Thursday:** The weekend has its unofficial kickoff at the Leather Archives & Museum with a roast of Eric Gutierrez and Jim Deuder, the men who, respectively, held the International Mr. Leather and International Mr. Bootblack titles the past year. This is the first year the Bootblack titleholder is being roasted along with the soon-to-be-former International Mr. Leather.

**Friday, noon:** The Leather Market opens—over 100 vendors, many of them occupying bigger spaces than they have in previous years. The Market is packed, and many people are carrying purchases. The economy must be improving.

**Friday evening:** At the IML opening ceremonies we meet the weekend's 48 contestants representing nine countries (a 49th contestant is unable to compete due to illness). Two contestants represent Minnesota: Derek Harley, Mr. Minneapolis Eagle 2012, and Jared Collinworth, Mr. Twin Cities Leather 2012. We also meet the five contestants in the concurrent International Mr. Bootblack contest; Minnesota is represented by Bootblack Mike.

And there's much more: Scavenged bricks from the recently demolished Gold Coast Bar (501 N. Clark St.), for many years the home bar of IML, are presented to former Gold Coast owner (and IML founder) Chuck Renslow. The Jeffrey Payne Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to Dave Rhodes, publisher of *The Leather Journal*. Mona Noriega, a commissioner with the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, welcomes everyone to Chicago and congratulates the two couples who will be "civil unioned" (!) during the IML weekend. The co-emcees for the weekend, Karen Ultra and John Pental,

International Mr. Leather 2003, keep things moving at a brisk and entertaining pace.

**Friday evening, later:** The hotel is in full party mode, and major eye candy is everywhere. One ballroom is filled with men in singlets and other athletic gear, while in another ballroom the dance music pounds and the crowd sweats at the San Francisco party.

**Saturday:** On the schedule are caucuses and receptions for Windy City Boys Troop, Chicago Hellfire Club, Leather Archives & Museum, International Ms Leather, People of Color in Leather, and one of several Leather Recovery meetings. And there's always shopping at the Leather Market.

**Saturday evening:** It's time for Pecs & Personality, where the contestants wear as little as possible while being as funny, sexy, and entertaining as possible. It's fun watching co-emcees Ultra and Pental put the contestants through their paces, and the surprise questions asked of each contestant elicit some great answers. But I notice more than a few of the contestants looking back at the emcees while they answer their question instead of addressing their answers to the audience, which would be more effective. Future IML contestants, take note.

After Pecs & Personality, more parties: a bootblack reception, the Onyx dance party and, for puppy-play enthusiasts, Woof Camp 2012.

**Sunday afternoon:** It's the weekend's big event, the 34th annual International Mr. Leather Contest and Show. After an opening number by talented cabaret artist Sharon McNight (among her many CDs is *Songs to Offend Almost Everyone*), the contestants are introduced; the judges and tallymasters are introduced; there is a touching tribute to the late RJ Chaffin, who for many years ran the IML Leather Market; and then leather columnist Vern Stewart (taking over from the late Marcus Hernandez, also a leather columnist) announces the Top 20 Finalists. Derek Harley, Mr. Minneapolis Eagle 2012, is the nineteenth finalist announced, and there are loud cheers from the large Twin Cities contingent in the audience.

The finalists then present 90-second speeches and strut their stuff in the phy-



International Mr. Leather 2012 is Woody Woodruff (Mr. Michigan Leather 2012). Photo courtesy of Steve Lenius

sique competition to the wild enjoyment and approval of the audience. While the judges finish their duties and the tallymasters total the scores, the winner of the International Mr. Bootblack competition is announced: Nick Elliott, from Portland, Oregon. (Bootblack Mike, representing Minnesota, is first runner-up.) Then McNight and surprise guest Bruce Vilanch present an over-the-top reading of an excerpt from the "mommy porn" bestseller *50 Shades of Grey*.

At last, the moment we've all been waiting for: Second runner-up is Kevin Jordan, Mr. DC Eagle 2012, from Washington, D.C.; first runner-up is A.C. Demidont, Mr. Eagle NYC 2012, from New York, N.Y.; and the new International Mr. Leather is Woody Woodruff, Mr. Michigan Leather 2012, from Farmington Hills, Mich. ◻







## AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

## Bridgette (Bee) Rongitsch

**Q & A with Bridgette (Bee) Rongitsch, Director of Program Development, Minnesotans United for All Families**

**Lavender Magazine: As Director of Program Development, what is your role with the campaign?**

Bee: I oversee the development of innovative organizing tools that will help our campaign reach Minnesota voters in new and effective ways to defeat this amendment. My team works on a variety of programs including Republican outreach, youth organizing, the neighbor-to-neighbor program, and most recently we launched our “kNOw” campaign.

**LM: What is “kNOw”?**

Bee: Minnesotans United is running a campaign driven by conversations to let people know about this freedom-limiting amendment. While this is happening through conversation drives on the phones and doors, we also know these conversations are hap-

pening at kitchen tables, in churches, and at family events all across the state. The “kNOw” program provides Minnesotans with tools, training and support to help them respectfully and effectively engage friends, family, neighbors and coworkers in conversations about why it is so vitally important to vote “no” in November. Our goal for this program is to ignite 100,000 new conversations across the state, educating folks about how this amendment hurts real Minnesotans and how we can defeat it.

**LM: Why is kNOw important to defeating this amendment?**

Bee: What we know from our own research is that 67 percent of people with GLBT friends vote “no” if we talk with them about why marriage matters and how important it is to vote no. Simply knowing someone who is GLBT or allied is not enough. When we talk with people about the amendment, they vote with us. We need to have the

conversation!

The “kNOw” program empowers our community to start having these conversations now. We truly believe that this is the single most important action any person can take toward defeating the amendment.

**LM: We have heard a lot about how Minnesotans United for All Families is focused on having a conversation campaign. How does this new program support that goal?**

Bee: This new initiative will engage our supporters in a whole new way. We hope that the support, tools and training we provide through the “let people kNOw” program will give our community the confidence to have these conversations, not just with strangers on the phones or at the doors, but with the people with whom they have existing relationships.

**LM: Minnesotans United had a large presence at PRIDE. What strategic role**

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## GARDENS OF OUR COMMUNITY

By Kathleen Watson



We love our gardens—those lush little oases of heaven in an urban setting that remind us of the beauty of nature, growth, and life. Each garden has its own personality and vibe, but they all provide immense pleasure to all who work in gardens or simply observe them. The following four private gardens, owned by GLBT families, will be sharing their beauty with the public during the FamilyMeans St. Croix Garden Tour and Tangletown Gardens' Garden and Art Tour this July. These unique outdoor spaces show that there are countless ways to create a little patch of paradise in your backyard; all you need is a shovel, a spade, and a lot of soul.

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## JOANNE GROBE AND KATE PABST

Tangletown Gardens' Art & Garden Tour  
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Joanne and Kate play with their son, Teeg, in their urban garden. Photos by Mike Hnida

Though Joanne and Kate (and all their neighbors) loved their “organic, free-flowing garden,” the couple longed for more structure in the “small, urban yard” of their Arts and Crafts home. After a great deal of planning (and with the help of landscape architect Mark Foreman from Loco Design, Tangletown Gardens, and Minnesota Green), Joanne and Kate decided they wanted to create a “modern and refined structure” that was still an “enchanted, cozy garden.”

Under the direction of the design team, the entire yard was excavated, keeping only one huge evergreen, a pergola, and two birch trees. Joanne and Kate, who are both designers, chose the colors and style of the garden, while Mark Foreman created structured spaces, or what Joanne refers to as “separate rooms.” Tangletown Gardens then assisted in choosing the plants, Motion Workshop did all the original woodwork, and Minnesota Green assisted with the installation.

Joanne’s favorite part of the design is the “amazing economy of space because we essentially have five different living spaces. They all have their own function, but it doesn’t feel busy. It’s what good design really looks like. It’s high-functioning. It’s almost like organized chaos; you have all these enchanted plants, but it’s within a really refined structure, so it feels calming. It’s wonderful when you’re inside of it.”

The garden features a pergola area with built-in booth seating, which Joanne says feels like a lounge area. The couple’s toddler, Teeg, has a rock area where he plays. Also present is a raised veggie garden, which Joanne and Kate tend. A square, metal water feature provides a calming, bubbling soundtrack to the garden. Finally, there is an outdoor dining area with built-in seating, where the family can enjoy dinner on warm Minnesota evenings. Soon to be installed is a fire-pit, perfect for having a campfire in the urban jungle. Joanne notes, “It’s a very social, entertaining backyard. We have a lot of bigger parties, so it’s fun to see a lot of people in all areas of the yard and utilizing those functions.”

For Joanne and Kate, creating structure within the garden was vital. Though

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**JOANNE GROBE AND KATE PABST**

Splashes of orange pop in Joanne and Kate's garden. Structured planters create order and define the space. Photos by Mike Hnida



the couple originally had a beautiful garden that they were able to manage themselves, the addition of architectural structures allows them to fully enjoy their garden. For people who are re-envisioning a space, Joanne suggests having a design team in order to help plan the space. "Bringing in someone else, a landscape architect, was essential. He created spaces in that yard that we never could have even envisioned to that degree."

When looking for a design team, Joanne notes the importance of "finding people who align with your objective. It's always about figuring out who can translate your objective into something real." By connecting with their design team, this family was able to create functional spaces where they can enjoy their time together in their enchanted gardens.

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## DALE VANDEN HOUTEN AND RICK SCOTT

Tangletown Gardens' Art & Garden Tour

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Dale relaxes in his Japanese-influenced garden, decorated with his original artwork.  
Photos by Mike Hnida

Tucked away behind a fence and gate in a quiet neighborhood, Dale and Rick's "Secret Garden" truly earns the name. An extremely private space that most people don't even know exists, the couple's Japanese-influenced garden is a perfect place for Dale to meditate and relax.

Originally, the yard was all grass and provided no privacy. Dale jokes, "Rick and I are not ones for mowing lawns much, so that was quickly removed after we moved in 25 years ago." The couple also added the fence and the gate to create a more private, intimate space. Dale, who notes that he's the one with the "green thumb," installed a variety of interesting and unique tree specimens. "My favorite one was a Weeping Larch, but now it has been replaced by a Weeping Norway Spruce, which is doing very nicely."

According to Dale, the "garden is more about the space than it is about the plants, though they are a part of the equation. It's tucked away behind the house and is a very private, peaceful space." The entrance to Dale's art studio is in the garden, which provides him with the opportunity to reflect and be inspired by nature. Some of Dale's original sculpture is featured in the garden, adding a personal touch to the space.

Dale's "nature-based and semi-abstract" artwork, which is heavily influenced by patterns, textures, and colors found in nature will also be featured on Tangletown's tour. (After all, it is also an ART tour.) He also uses Japanese textiles and ceramics as inspiration for his work, which he defines as "artwork on paper" (primarily printmaking, but including unique ink washes). "I'll search and take note of patterns and textures that I see there, and then based off of that, I'll create my own patterns that I use in my artwork." Dale has now started to wrap three-dimensional objects with his prints which makes the art "more of an object than a framed artwork behind a piece of glass on the wall."

The connection between art and gardens is "just beautiful," according to Dale. "It's such a natural fit. There needs

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The shady, lower area of the garden provides a relaxing retreat.



A variety of specimen trees, like the bonzai tree (left) and the weeping Norway spruce (right) grace the couple's garden.

to be a connection between more natural-themed art and the garden, although abstract, edgy art can work if it is in the right garden."

When planning a garden, Dale suggests that people "Watch and live with the space for a growing season. Learn what it wants. For example, our garden is largely dictated by a lot of shade, so I had to learn to work with that by studying the nature of the garden itself." He also suggests that gardeners focus on the natural elements already present in the space and work with what is present.

Dale loves the calming and meditative quality of the Japanese garden elements, such as water features and stone statues. "I meditate, and I love being in here." The absolute serenity of the garden provides a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.





# GARDEN TOURS

## TANGLETOWN AND FAMILYMEANS ST. CROIX GARDEN TOURS

### **TANGLETOWN GARDENS' ART & GARDEN TOUR JULY 28TH, 9:00AM**

Tangletown Gardens' Art and Garden Tour is a whimsical romp through some of the finest gardens in Minneapolis. Local artists also team up with Tangletown to showcase their original work, creating the perfect combination of beauty in nature and beauty in human creativity.

Tour astounding gardens to get ideas for your own projects or just to enjoy the beauty. Wine tastings are provided in the gardens and galleries. After the tour, the community is invited to a celebration at Tangletown Gardens starting at 7:00pm. Local food, drink, and music by Tambuca will be provided. (Tambuca is a pair of djs simultaneously spinning music while live musicians chime in.) Scott Endres, co-owner of Tangletown Gardens, says, "It's a way of, after a great day of beautiful gardens and spaces, celebrating that we were able to see a great deal of beauty that day. It's the exclamation point of the community side of the Art and Garden tour."

The 2012 Art and Garden Tour will take place on July 28th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance and can be purchased at Tangletown Gardens or Wise Acre Eatery. Proceeds from the event will benefit local public art and garden projects in the Twin Cities.

### **FAMILYMEANS 20TH ANNUAL ST. CROIX GARDEN TOUR JULY 14-15, 10:00AM**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the FamilyMeans St. Croix Garden Tour, and it's sure to be the best tour yet. Stretching over two days, July 14 and 15, this year's tour features eleven of the most impressive gardens that have previously been on the tour. Tom DeGree, Chair of the Garden Tour, notes, "It's kind of like the 'Best Of' tour, and it has a lot of variety."

One difference between the FamilyMeans Garden Tour and other garden tours is that the homeowners do all the gardening themselves, creating a sense of personal pride in helping beautiful things grow. DeGree adds, "Part of the beauty of the FamilyMeans Garden Tour is the difference between the small Stillwater gardens in historic homes that people really love and, outside the cities, the houses that have large lots. Whatever your garden size, you'll see something that will work in your garden."

The FamilyMeans 20th Annual St. Croix Garden Tour will take place on July 14 and 15 in the Stillwater area. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at [www.familymeans.org/garden-tour](http://www.familymeans.org/garden-tour).



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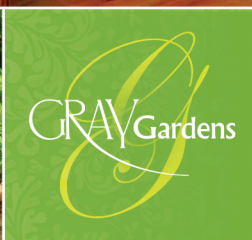
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## TOM DEGREE AND DEAN SCHLAAK

FamilyMeans St. Croix Garden Tour  
Lake Elmo, MN

Ruby and Mac hang out with Tom on the front steps of the home that he and Dean chose because it's historic...but also because it has two acres of land. Photos by Mike Hnida

When Tom and Dean bought their home six years ago, the gardens were completely non-existent. With a parking pad for a front yard, the couple knew they needed to completely renovate their outdoor spaces to reflect the beauty of nature. Sitting on two acres of land, the historic 1915 house was begging to be surrounded with beautiful spaces. Restoring a historic rock garden on the side of their home, creating a garden space in the front yard, and building a deck they have dubbed the “Deck Mahal,” the duo have created a variety of unique spaces in which to enjoy their time.

The best part of Tom and Dean's gardens is the “mix of old and new...the things that are historic and mean something and the modern landscaping design,” according to Tom. With many old historic trees, a glider from the 1940s, a Frank Lloyd Wright sprite statue, a stone piece recovered from an old church, and eye-popping flower gardens with chartreuse and burgundy highlights, the gardens are the perfect combination of history and modernity. The “Deck Mahal” is a perfect example of the balance between old and new; Tom says the deck feels “almost like a treehouse, where the deck is built around a 150-year-old oak tree.” One particularly beautiful feature of the garden is a five-foot-tall stone bird-bath, which the couple inherited when they bought the home. “It's one of our favorite features,” Tom notes.

While many people would find such a huge garden restoration process daunting, Tom and Dean did nearly all the work themselves. But, unlike their previous home's garden in Minneapolis (which they created in a weekend), their new garden spaces have taken several years to complete. Tom says, “It's a process. We never plant something down and that's where it is forever if it doesn't look right...If something looks better somewhere else, I'll pick it up and move it. That's the difference between gardening versus landscaping. Landscaping has someone else come in and plant every-

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**TOM DEGREE AND DEAN SCHLAAK**

Fresh herbs grow in the outdoor kitchen area.

thing for you, and you basically just enjoy it. Gardening is being out there daily, watering the different areas by hand so you can see what's going on."

Tom also notes that their gardens are perfect for building relationships with the community. He says, "Almost every day, someone in the neighborhood that I don't know will introduce themselves, and I'll give them a tour of the garden." He'll point out the rare ginkgo bush, the large patches of chartreuse spiderwort, and the variety of unique grasses that grace the area.

For people who want to start a gardening project, Tom suggests to begin by designing the edges of the garden spaces with the help of a design or landscaping team. He also recommends that people closely observe the space and not assume that things have to be permanent. "There can be movement in the garden; it doesn't have to be a static job." By allowing the garden to ebb and flow, you'll be able to continue having a unique space that truly reflects you.



A historic stone bird bath is illuminated by hanging lanterns in the evening





## MICHAEL WENTE AND GARY GERMAIN

FamilyMeans St. Croix Garden Tour  
Stillwater, MN

Gary and Michael enjoy quiet evenings in their private paradise they created with their own hands. Photos by Mike Hnida

**A**n old saying goes, “When you plant a seed, you have to believe in tomorrow.” This hope is what inspires Michael and Gary to create and maintain their beautiful gardens. Though the home’s previous owner loved to work in the yard (maintaining pine trees, willow trees, lilacs, and hydrangeas), Michael and Gary have made significant changes to create their own magical place.

Now, the garden space has overtaken the whole yard. A pond is visible from the front window, and a waterfall graces the backyard, next to a firepit and a large gazebo. The couple has also incorporated a variety of plants into their space, such as European Weeping Larches, pine trees, trees that form an archway, ten different magnolia trees, a large rhododendron, and an astilboidea tabularis plant with gigantic leaves. Michael says, “It’s just amazing how big the leaves are because they’re about the size of an umbrella.”

A wooded hillside provides a great deal of privacy for the couple, who did all the work themselves to create their private oasis. Michael says that gardening is a therapeutic hobby. “It helped keep my mind off of things in the 80’s when our friends were sitting around dying from AIDS. I’ve always been a gardener, and it was the love of the flowers and that he’s [Gary] here, and I’m still alive.”

Michael suggests to future gardeners that they form a plan and consider what the space needs. Keep in mind whether the areas are sunny or shady, and find plants to match that. Though the couple’s gardens are truly spectacular, Michael suggests to “start small. Don’t go overboard. Just enjoy it; it’s a relaxing hobby.” The couple spends most of their time at home, and with a garden like this, there’s no need to travel anywhere else in search of beauty. It’s quiet and serene—a perfect place to kick back with loved ones.

Though the couple particularly enjoys the fire pit area, the whole area is, as Gary describes it, “someplace magical.” Gary recalls that a friend told his

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**MICHAEL WENTE AND  
GARY GERMAIN**

girlfriend that he “wanted to take her someplace magical. And that was the best I’ve ever heard anyone describe it. I thought it was very fitting.” With lush, green spaces and flowing water features, the garden is truly magical and reflects the hope we can have in the future and in nature. □

A huge hill provides privacy and natural beauty to the garden. Lush, green plants make the couple's garden truly something magical.



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# GARDEN GUIDE

by Andy Lien

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The Gorgeous Gardens of this Home & Garden issue are full of great ideas for your own. Whether more minimalist like Kate and Joanne's or full of hidden treasures like Gary and Michael's, you'll find inspiration.

## 1- ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE TREASURES

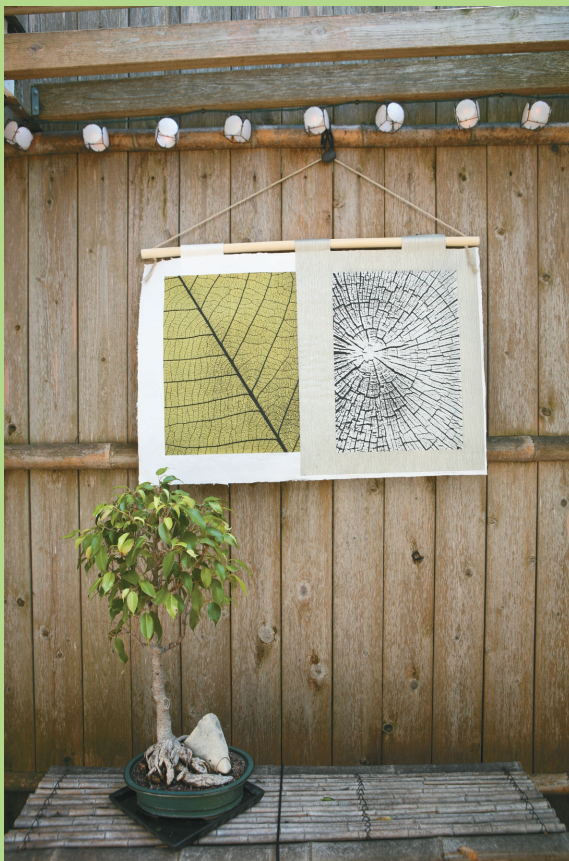
Tom and Dean used both modern and historic decorating elements in their deck, yard, and gardens. This particular stone piece came from a church in Northeast Minneapolis that was demolished recently. Other items of both sacred and secular origin can be found at architectural salvage dealers like Bauer Brothers: [www.bauerbrotherssalvage.com](http://www.bauerbrotherssalvage.com), City Salvage: [www.citysalvage.com](http://www.citysalvage.com), and Architectural Antiques: [www.archantiques.com](http://www.archantiques.com). Prices vary.

## 2- AUTHENTIC FRENCH RAIN BARREL

Joanne and Kate's garden, with its various outdoor "rooms," also utilizes eco-friendly techniques of gathering rainwater from the downspouts in rain barrels. Not to scream that they are reducing, reusing, and recycling, the rain barrels they chose are old wine barrels from France fitted with attractive spouts for water use. \$195.00 at Tangletown Gardens: [www.tangletowngardens.com](http://www.tangletowngardens.com).



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### 3- FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT GARDEN SPRITE

Two of the gardens in this issue (Tom and Dean as well as Dale and Rick) featured a garden sprite by Frank Lloyd Wright, originally designed for Midway Gardens in Chicago in 1913. Timeless in its design, yet perfectly aligned with the Arts & Crafts era, this piece and similar reproductions can guard your garden with charm. \$175.00 at the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust: [www.shopwright.org](http://www.shopwright.org).

### 4- INDOOR ARTWORK IN THE OUTDOORS

Sometimes, the outdoor spaces can feature artwork that is only brought outside for short time periods--to be enjoyed and then returned to the safety of shelter and controlled temperatures. Dale and Rick's garden features sculptures of Dale's own handiwork as well as some of his prints on the wall. Whether you hang your own art in your garden or works of others, treat your outdoor spaces as you would your home. Let it all hang out. More of Dale Vanden Houten's art can be seen at [www.mnartists.org](http://www.mnartists.org).

### 5- REPURPOSED ART

Gary and Michael's garden is a menagerie of found art and sculpture. In addition to all the varieties of plants and flowers, Gary and Michael have collected outdoor art from various art fairs and festivals through the years. Made from tractor seats and coils and other various bits and pieces of yore, the animals keep the gardens in a perpetual state of whimsy. Their favorite fairs are in Stillwater: [www.stillwaterrivertownartfestival.com](http://www.stillwaterrivertownartfestival.com) and [www.stillwaterfallartfair.com](http://www.stillwaterfallartfair.com) as well as Afton: [www.aftonartfair.com](http://www.aftonartfair.com).





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## Tools of the Trade: Understanding the Principles and Elements of Garden Design

A WELL designed garden is a composition of art, similar to sculpture, where all components work together while honoring the principles and elements of design. In my garden, I seek out the unusual. Interesting combinations begin with unusual plants. The principles and elements of design allow me, as a designer, to accentuate the visual beauty of these plants by the companions I choose for them, and their placement within the landscape. Once understood, the plants become the building blocks, with the following principles and elements being the tools for all the designs I create.

**Scale.** Scale refers to how a plant, piece of garden art, or container's size relates to its placement in the landscape. Size matters in the garden world. Step back and try to visualize how your choices will be viewed along with the scale of your home. Plants, pots, and garden art often look a lot bigger on a cart at the garden center. Nothing looks sillier than a couple of puny pots in front of even a modest-sized home. Try to group tiny plants in bigger numbers (5,7,9,23...), whereas bigger plants can make the right impact with smaller quantities (1, 2, 3).

**Proportion.** Proportion measures the ratio of overall plant or garden height in relation to the height of the un-planted container or structures in the surrounding landscape. In general, the height of the plants in a container should be 1 to 2 times the height of a container in order to be visually pleasing to our eyes. If the container happens to be wider than it is tall, then the proportion of plant height should be 1 to 2 times the diameter of the container. Bigger houses need bigger plants in order to look right to the eye.

**Form.** The easiest way to look at form is to think of the overall shape your design takes on. When grouping plants and containers, contrasting forms make very complementary neighbors. For instance, you might pair a tall, narrow container, next to a lower, rounded design.

**Texture.** Texture describes the surface quality of the materials used in a design. Coarse, fine, hard, soft, glossy, fuzzy. Simply stated, the greater the contrast in texture, the more dramatic the plant combination will be. It would be hard for me to choose between only coarse textured plants which demand attention with their dramatic foliage or fine textured plants with their seductive, almost "touch-me" qualities. Fortunately for me, I don't have to, as the totally opposite attributes of each make for perfect companions in my plant choices. The softer, finer textured plants make the course textured leaves more dramatic and vice versa—the way perfect partnerships should be.

**Focal Point.** A focal point gives the viewer's eye a place to rest in a garden and is the area of the design in which the eye is first attracted. They're generally necessary in order for your eye to be able

to appreciate the other parts of the landscape. Often the star of the show, the focal point is comprised of the most dramatic plant(s) that catches the most attention among the full cast of botanical characters. On a bigger scale, perhaps a container garden or piece of garden art can become the focal point in the landscape it is a part of—a restful place that draws you in for a awhile before being led off to enjoy other parts of a landscape.

**Line.** Line is the visual path the eye follows between different points in a garden. The plants themselves can create line by the edges of their shapes and forms. For instance, a vase shaped like grass will direct the eye toward a planting at its base. Likewise, the edges of a container's shape or patterns within the containers design can create lines of direction. Whether directing the eye through a design or offering an escape route, line gives a garden structure, movement, and excitement.

**Color.** Color, albeit the most recognized design element, is still a mystery to many. The color wheel is considered the key to understanding the relationship of all colors of the rainbow. Color, unlike other design elements, evokes a sense of human emotion and thought. Cooler colors, like blues and violets, tend to be soothing and evoke a sense of calmness, while warm colors, like reds, oranges, and yellows seem to grab people's attention and bring emphasis to those areas of the design.

**Shape.** The easiest way to look at shape is to think of the shape created by each plant's silhouette within your landscape. Like a lot of principles of plant pairing, opposites attract. Likewise, opposite shapes make great companions. Upright vase shapes paired with mounding shapes, and mounding shapes next to trailing shapes, etc.

**Balance** is the equal distribution of weight, either physical or visual, in a landscape. This balance can be achieved either symmetrically (2 identical urn arrangements flanking the entry to a home), or asymmetrically (one larger plant on one side and a group of smaller plants on the other side). In either case, balance is achieved.

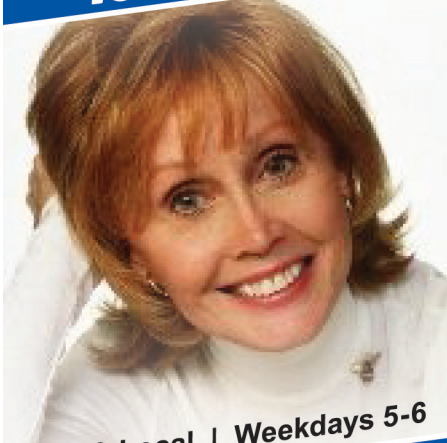
**Harmony.** A harmonious relationship between the plants, containers, pathways, garden art, and seating areas of your design in the landscape is the result successful gardeners strive to achieve. This visually pleasing accomplishment is created through the careful blending of textures, shapes, colors, and forms, while honoring the principles of scale, proportion, balance, and focal interest—the tools of the trade.

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## NISSAN JUKE

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It is easy to dismiss the Nissan Juke upon first sight. However, the creative minds among us understand where this design came from.

This is the quandary among both creative people and automotive people. Is the Nissan Juke art? Or, does it have a place on our automotive landscape?

What is a Juke? It is the vision of Nissan's London-based design team to create a shape that can be both enticing and polar-

izing. This body is draped over Nissan's B Platform, the same chassis that spawns the current Nissan Versa sedan and the upcoming NV200 van—the passenger version becoming New York City's newest taxicab. The result is a vehicle that defies convention and refuses to be classified, though it is being thrown into a growing new segment among compact crossovers.

The first thing one must do with a Juke is to take a few steps back and look at it. There is a lot going on design-wise with many influences melded into this so-called “sport-cross.” Up front, there are some World Rally Championship elements ranging from the lower grille and the embedded headlamps. The upper lights may have come from somewhere in the early 1940s. The actual grille itself is completely different, but with familiar Nissan design elements involved.

To the side, you can see where the inspiration may have come from—if the 370Z and the Murano had a baby incubated on a frying pan. Seventeen-inch alloy wheels shod with Goodyear Eagle RS-A rubber add an

interesting piece to the puzzle by creating a rally-inspired look and additional ride height to the Juke. The Z-Murano crossbreed continues to the rear with obvious paeans to either vehicle.

Step inside and there are plenty of artistic pieces that challenge the eye on many levels. The instrumentation may look normal, but it is topped by an elevated canopy of satin-finished silver. The center stack is graced by a piano black surround of an oblong shape. The center console was said to be inspired by high performance motorcycles. The console offers up another contrast to the interior—finished in gray metallic. One complaint centers in the same area, as the gear lever appears to be too high for most drivers. The rest of the switch-gear feels “normal”—right to the touch—and the materials are of good quality.

The Juke SV seats four in a cloth that feels almost like neoprene. The combination black and oyster gray has a scaly texture that reminds one of a body suit. Though it feels good, the front seats felt short in the cushioning and would probably need more side



bolstering. Also lacking is a center armrest for the right arm to rest when needed. Rear seat room may seem small, but if you had average sized adults, they would be fine in all four places. Anyone larger will have a problem with legroom in the back. The rear seats also fold down to expand the cargo hold.

Nissan's standard-issue audio system is on board with six well-placed speakers emitting a well-balanced sound. The one little trick is with dialing in XM, as it is under the AUX button, if equipped. You also get Bluetooth connectivity along with iPod integration.

Below the audio system is the Integrated Control System, known as I-CON. This starts out as a run-of-the-mill climate control system. Press the D-Mode button, and it provides the driver a choice of vehicular behaviors. Normal is where you begin the journey. If you want to induce more fuel efficiency, you select the Eco mode, which changes the transmission and engine management behavior toward achieving economical results. Switch to Sport, and it ratchets up the transmission ratios and engine management settings to maximum power. Keep it in Sport, and you will feel the turbocharger kick the Juke into action.

The I-CON screen provides other readouts to monitor vehicle performance. If you care about G-forces, turbo boost, torque action and monitor your fuel consumption, there's plenty of information packed in that little LCD screen that would normally tell you your vehicle temperature and fan speed. One could always switch back to Climate mode to have the latter viewed, as long you know what drive mode you are in.

What motivates this mobile piece of art is the newest engine built from a company that knows how to make power plants. Nissan took their standard issue 1.6 liter dual overhead camshaft, four valves-per-cylinder, four-cylinder engine, and ratcheted it up a notch. They added direct fuel injection and

slapped a turbocharger onto it. The result is a 188 horsepower ball of fire. Unlike most small turbocharged engines, there is no lag; the power is immediate and strong throughout the power band.

Connecting this powerful mill is Nissan's Xtronic continuously variable transmission. The hallmark of this CVT is the ability to lock into the right ratio with the right engine speed as dictated by your right foot. This particular Juke comes with Torque-vectoring all-wheel drive with a switch that locks the system to only front-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive. There is a third setting in the middle of this switch—AWD-V. Choosing this mode gives the Juke permission to decide which wheels it wants to send power to.

When driving the Juke, you will notice the sport part of the crossover. The ride is somewhere between firm and semi-soft, but you do feel the imperfections on the road. Handling is decent, though you get plenty of roll on banked curves. The Juke has plenty of grip from its Goodyear Eagle RSA tires. Steering action is quick; however, there were times when the turning radius could have been better. Overall maneuverability is quite good considering the stubby size of the Juke. Braking is sharp and sure on both regular and panic stops.

When Nissan created the Juke, they wanted it to achieve optimal fuel efficiency despite being a high-riding and powerful compact crossover. They slapped the newest Pure Drive badge on the rear end of the Juke to let the world know it is part of Nissan's commitment to more fuel efficiency and lower carbon emissions from their products. Though inspiring as the badging and promotion may sound, the Juke still turned a fuel economy average of 25.8MPG. Not exactly worthy of the Pure Drive badge to be honest.

How much does this piece of art cost? Though the Juke starts at just above \$20,000, this SV AWD tester stickered at \$24,540. As

with most pieces of art, there will always be a quibble whether this price of admission is justified or perhaps relative to the marketplace. There are plenty of arguments for either case.

Let's be frank here: The Juke is different and stands out among other vehicles. It is an acquired taste for those who may not understand the attraction to objects of art. The creative eye would enjoy the many curves and angles of the Juke—along with the way it drives.

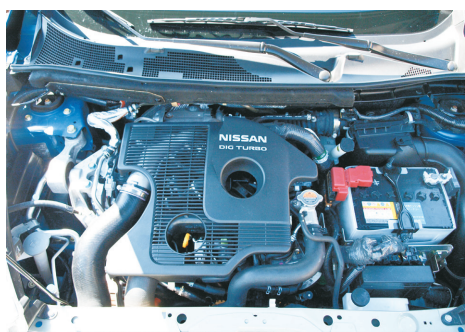
There is one thing to know about the Juke—it is on the cusp of two different movements. The compact crossover market is about to boom with the arrival of the BMW X1, Audi Q3, and Buick Encore to join the Juke, Suzuki SX4, MINI Countryman, Kia Soul, and Mitsubishi Outlander Sport here in the States. Among these contenders (and pretenders), the Juke may appear to be the "odd one out." Buying one means using your imagination as to how you would use it daily.

The second movement is another makeover of the Nissan brand—a very necessary one. The Juke is the first of the new wave for Nissan including the new Versa sedan, the upcoming 2013 Altima, Pathfinder, and three other models under the white sheets in the latest commercial from the brand. However, the Juke signifies plenty of new design elements we will see in the next 15 months.

As for that engine—I certainly hope we will see this in other Nissans in the next few years. This one's as good as the company's award-winning VQ V6s.

For those of who appreciate art, or would simply like to stand out in a crowd, there's really nothing wrong with owning a Nissan Juke. □

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## SKIRTING THE ISSUES | Ellen Krug

## A Different Opinion

**Warning: Some in the transgender community won't be pleased with this column.**

A few weeks ago, I was at Macalester College where the very popular Dean Spade spoke. Spade, a well-known transgender scholar-activist, has done many good things, including founding the Sylvia Rivera Project in New York City.

Spade's talk was well attended, with seventy people in the audience. His topic was "Trans Politics," his view of what it would take to achieve equality and racial and social justice. Spade spoke of the "oppressive system" that subjugates transgenders and routinely enforces gender norms. He also talked about systemic racism, and how enacting new hate crime laws doesn't really help save lives because "criminals don't look at law books before they assault someone."

I was with him on all of this. I, too, believe that the system is flawed. Simply consider that Minnesota's prison system disproportionately incarcerates people of color in comparison to their overall percentage of the population. More concretely, the next time you walk the downtown Minneapolis skyways, take note of how lily white everybody is. Something's wrong, that's for sure.

However, Spade lost me when he shifted to how transgenders (and other oppressed groups) need to "break the system and dismantle it." By "dismantle," Spade actually seemed to mean, "destroy." He talked about closing prisons and decriminalizing the sex trades; he argued that cops should be out of inner-city schools; he even said there should no longer be borders between countries.

Wow. I looked around the room and saw a lot of head-nodding. I thought, *This kind of talk would scare the crap out of any straight person.*

Listening to Spade reminded me of another transgender speaker-activist whom I heard at a Coming Out Day luncheon last year. She too called for an uprising. She too railed at "the system," only she included gays and lesbians within those who oppressed transgenders. I was appalled at her exceedingly—and unwarranted—broad-brush approach. I felt her speech did nothing more than confirm the horrible stereotype of that "crazy transgender person."

Here's my perspective.

I've been lucky to have had two completely different lives. When I lived as a man (which was most of my life), I was a part of that system transgender activists love to hate. I owned a business (a law firm), and I employed people. I made money and drove a fancy car. I lounged at the local country club pool.

Still, my heart was always good. I volunteered for various nonprofits. I worked to institute a diversity program in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, of all places. I helped people who needed money or things.

Once I transitioned, everything flipped. I've gone from capitalist to non-profit executive director. Instead of working for me, I'm now helping low-income people find lawyers. I'm well past the days of big paychecks. I drive a Honda.

I share this to make a point: it's not necessary to destroy something in order to change it. Sister and fellow transpeople, I get it—you're angry and hurt. Hell, so am I. Just like you, I'm mad that prejudice and fear caused me to delay transitioning for decades. I'm pissed that some people very dear to my heart can't accept me as female. I'm hurt when someone reads me in public and says, *Sir*.

Even with anger and hurt, I don't believe the way forward is to rail and yell "toss it all out." There are way too many good people in the system who will work for meaningful change. If you destroy the system, you destroy them, too.

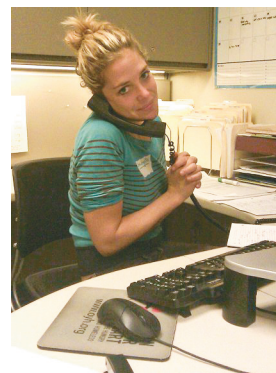
So, what is needed?

In a phrase, *responsible leadership*. The transgender community needs articulate and brave leaders—not reticent anarchists—working for change. Some of those leaders have already stepped forward, and others still need to. True leaders must speak the truth regardless—to the straight community (*we're human too; we're here to stay; we deserve a place at the table*) and to the transgender community (*take responsibility; recognize the hurdles and work to jump them; be positive role models*).

Another thing: try as they might, straight people will never fully understand. That means we transgenders have to try harder. It will take more work, and more effort for us to succeed.

In the end, Spade's way isn't the only way to meaningful change. We owe it to ourselves to remember that. □

## AGAINST THE AMENDMENT



Bridget (Bee) Rongitsch. Photo courtesy of Minnesotans United for All Families

### did this program play at the festival?

Bee: We specifically launched this program at PRIDE to spark the grassroots power of over 300,000 supporters engaging with the campaign during the celebration. Launching "kNOw" at PRIDE allowed the campaign to arm our supporters with the tools they need to ensure we defeat this amendment. Our supporters left PRIDE with a call to attend a "kNOw" conversation training and to begin taking action.

### LM: As Election Day nears how can we expect this program to grow?

Bee: "kNOw" has huge growth potential as we move towards November. We are asking members of our community to make firm commitments on who they are going to talk with so that we can move all Minnesotans towards voting no! As we continue opening offices across the state and organizing in every city, this program will allow each and every supporter to make a serious contribution to the campaign through persuading voters they know to vote no on November 6!

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Answers to Crossword puzzle from page 26.

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I HAVE a terrible confession. I don't know why any gay wants to get married. Hasn't it been great not getting married? Don't you think that the inability to marry your same-sex partner is one of perks of being gay? No dramas over seating arrangements. No troubling task of having to force rank the depth of your friendships by choosing a maid of honor over all your other pals. No knowing that you are willfully creating a situation in which your parents and their friends know with absolute certainty that you are having sex that night. No thank you cards. And that's just the ceremony and reception.

Consider the dreary events and passive-aggressive death matches over child-rearing in the decades to come. I know several couples who have been married over 20 years. These are happy marriages, but they're still miserable. They bicker constantly, probably because arguing is more exciting than sex. They start to look like each other. They talk merrily of the day they'll be old enough to move into a 55+ community because, after decades of the creeping realization that most dreams achieved have been numbing let-downs, this is an easily attainable, low-stakes goal, and the place has a pool.

It all seems so hellish. Even the wedding night sex sounds creepy. And half the time they get divorced and go through public, bureaucratic breakups that involve a judge. The worst breakup I ever had wasn't documented by some gum-chomping court reporter. My worst breakup resulted in a two-year nervous breakdown, punctuated only by momentary bursts of hysteria as the result of crank calls and anonymous packages I received from her friends. But it didn't involve the law!

Yet, in spite of all of this, I've been thinking fondly of marriage lately. Maybe it's because my parents just celebrated their 50th anniversary of pushing each other's buttons. (And

that's NOT a double entendre. They're my parents, you sickos.) Or maybe it's because I finally met a broad who I can manage to see myself living with until I'm forced to identify her in the morgue. Maybe it's because our country's judges keep ruling down right-wing imbecile's legislation against same-sex marriage. Or maybe it's simply because I like to piss-off Republicans. Whatever it is. I think I want to get married.

After almost four years—the first two of which were spent nursing me through the nervous breakdown breakup mentioned above—the thought of marrying this dame doesn't scare the hell out of me.

But why?

Could it be because we've recently endured a 3-month kitchen/bath remodeling dust storm without even threatening to raise a hammer to the other's stupid, vacant skull that contains no center of good taste?

Or that as my mother scratched "Jennifer/Wendy" at the top of the 50th anniversary invitation list she drafted at the same dining room table where she told me years before that gays shouldn't come out until after their parents died, my eyes filled with a foreign, salty substance.

Or maybe it's because of what happened on our flight home from Boston recently. Sitting next to us were two young gay boys. A flight attendant who overheard that they'd just been married, returned with a free glass of champagne and those warm chocolate-chip cookies they serve only in first class.

I looked at how young and happy they were and mentally calculated when the divorce papers would be filed. As I was doing so, Wendy smiled and nodded in their direction.

"I give 'em two years," she said.

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### Dear Ms. Behavior:

A few days ago, my girlfriend and I had sex. After I had “done” her, she rolled over in an attempt to do me. It was nearly noon and I hadn’t eaten anything, so I felt light-headed (I’m very hypoglycemic). I wanted her, but I was suddenly overcome with an intense wave of hunger and dizziness. Just as she was about to touch me, I unintentionally blurted out, “I want a bagel and lox.”

Well, I tried to explain my hypoglycemia, but my girlfriend didn’t seem to understand. My outburst not only broke the moment, it also caused her to be completely turned off to sex with me ever since. She says that it made her feel rejected, and that “yelling about food in bed is what fat girls do.” I think the real problem is that I’ve gained a few pounds since we’ve been together, and she doesn’t accept my body.

At first I was hurt that she didn’t want to make love. Now I feel like she has a lot of nerve. I told her not to call me until she’s read *fat is a feminist issue* from cover to cover. She still hasn’t called.

Is mentioning food in bed such a terrible thing? Is she overreacting? Am I?

—SHEILA

### Dear Sheila:

Mentioning food in bed isn’t horrible, but bagels and lox were an unfortunate choice because they are singularly unsexy. They’re what your father brings home on a Sunday morning or what your aunts load their plates with at a Bar Mitzvah. If you’d expressed a

desire for cherries or chocolates or, (if it had to be fish), even caviar, your request might have been less distracting.

Your girlfriend IS overreacting. Still, Ms. Behavior can’t help but wonder how much weight you’ve gained since you’ve been together. If you’ve gained more than a few pounds, consider why. Not because Ms. Behavior doesn’t accept and love you just the way you are, but because it probably means you’ve gotten a little too cozy and food-centered in your relationship. Which means you and your girlfriend are probably approaching that dreadful point where everything from watching bad television to baking bread takes precedence over sex anyway.

Next time you’re lucky enough to have a sexfest before breakfast and you’re overwhelmed with feelings of hunger, just excuse yourself for a moment, eat a banana or a handful of nuts (or a side of beef if necessary), and then come back to bed newly energized and ready for more sex.

### Dear Ms. Behavior:

I have a serious problem. I’m a bisexual woman, married to a wonderful straight man who understands my needs. The main problem is that I don’t know how to pick up, approach, or beg a date with other females.

I work in a hospital where I see gays and lesbians a lot, but I want femmes. Please tell me how to seek out or approach a femme woman to find out if she’s bi. I’m afraid I may get fired for sexual harassment or slapped or met with some other hideous response. I

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—STARVED

### Dear Starved:

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Even if it’s other employees you’re trying to meet, if you’re worried about being slapped or sued for sexual harassment, you’re probably coming on way too strong. Ironically, the reason you come on so strong is because you don’t know if the person you’re pursuing is even potentially interested in you. This seems dangerous to both your self-esteem and your face.

In theory, bisexuals have been given the gift of more potential sexual partners than the rest of us. But sadly, it sounds like you’ve been plagued with a difficulty that helps to even the score: rotten gaydar. This deficiency means that you may be sentenced to pursuing big-haired straight girls who are repulsed by the thought of lezzie sex. And if you happen to meet a lesbian who likes you, she may not be into the fact that you have a husband.

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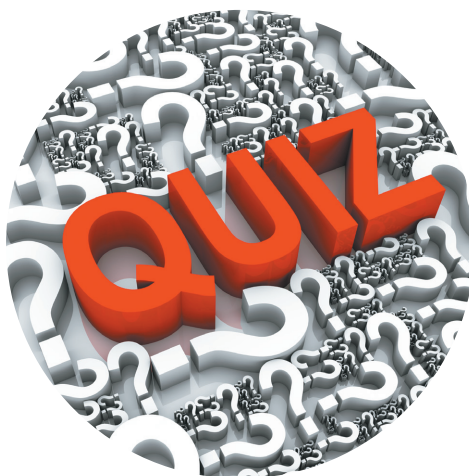
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- (5) Are you annoying?

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